

Welcome to the Legislative Update for March 1, 2013

This e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep Arizona's seniors and advocates for aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight Congressional bills or happenings affecting older Americans. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and to give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. The **Legislative Update** is non-partisan in nature. Thank you for your interest!

First Regular Session of the 51st Legislature

Since last Friday, 655 floor actions filed; at least 76 of those related to legislation tracked by the Council on Aging. (See **FULL LIST** link)

Check the Senate and House daily posting sheets regarding actions taken provided [here](#).

All committee agendas (House, Senate, Joint Legislative Budget Committee or JLBC) are posted at this [link](#). All Floor Calendars are linked [here](#).

Also: Standing Committees and their members are listed at this [link](#).

2013 Session Timeline

The next deadline is **Friday, March 22nd**, the last day to hear Senate Bills in House Committees and the last day to hear House Bills in Senate Committees.

Senate deadlines

<http://www.azleg.gov/alispdfs/51leg/senate/senatedeadlines.pdf>

House deadlines

<http://www.azleg.gov/alispdfs/50leg/house/housedeadlines.pdf>

Legislation:

Legislative action that has taken place on *some* of the bills tracked by the Council on Aging is outlined here. Note: you can view summaries provided by *Arizona Capitol Reports-LOLA* on the **FULL LIST** report.

H2407: qualified immunity; nonprofit clinics, 2/28 referred to Senate Health & Human Services; Judiciary committees.

H2484: veterans; hiring preference; tax credit, 2/28 withdrawn from House Ways & Means Committee

S1175: vulnerable adults, duty, 2/28 from House Judiciary do pass

S1286: nursing facility provider assessment, 2/28 passed Senate 28-0; ready for House

S1341: vulnerable adults; financial exploitation, 2/28 referred to House Reform & Human Services

S1353: health insurance; telemedicine, 2/28 Senate Committee of the Whole (COW) approved with floor amendment, a substitute for amend

Hearings next week:

Monday, 3/4

S1353: health insurance; telemedicine, Senate Third Reading, Senate Rm 1

Wednesday, 3/6

H2407: qualified immunity; nonprofit clinics, Senate Health & Human Services

Thursday, 3/7

S1090: dependent children; placement; grandparents; stipend, 9 am, House Rm 1

REMINDER: Bill summaries, actions, hearings and other information are all provided on the legislation tracked by the Council at the **FULL LIST** link provided below.

As of **day 47, 1,145 bills posted, two (2) bills passed; two (2) bills signed; 70 memorials or resolutions posted and three (3) passed**. Some of these bills may be of interest to Arizona seniors and are being tracked by the Council and appear on the **Legislative Update** web report page.

Many of the bills that have been tracked by the Council on Aging appear to be "dead," (were not assigned to committee) and we are in the process of editing the list linked in our email newsletter. **Please be advised that the presence of a bill on the Council's tracking list does not represent support or opposition by the Council to that bill.** It **does** mean that the bill is likely to be of interest to or have an impact on older Arizonans so the Council is tracking the bill's progress.

FULL LIST:

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=24960&listid=47124&print=true>

Note: The **FULL LIST web report** provides you with the current status and upcoming hearing information about bills being tracked by the Council and **is available and updated on an ongoing basis, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This list will continue to be edited as the session progresses.** Information about bill status, hearing, etc. is a purchased service provided by the **Arizona Capitol Times**.

Both the Senate and the House are adjourned at this time until Monday, March 4, 2013, 1:30 p.m.

If you want to learn more about the legislative process, see [Arizona Bill](#) and ***From Idea To Bill To Law, The Legislative Process in Arizona*** linked [here](#).

Fiscal News

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC)**

Revised Technical Tables in the [Comparison of JLBC Baseline and Executive Recommendation](#)

Share your thoughts! If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your legislators, **you may voice your thoughts at any time** by contacting the:

· **Governor's Office of Constituent Services** at 602-542-4331 or toll-free at 1-800-253-0883 (outside Maricopa County only)

· Or **contacting your legislator from your area**...locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature website** and looking for: *How do I find My Legislators* or by following the instructions provided at both the **Senate** and **House Member** links at the website.

· **District maps** can be found [here](#).

FEDERAL OVERVIEW:

Without Congressional action taking place, automatic, across-the-board cuts take effect today.

The National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities, NASUAD's analysis of impact is linked [here](#).

H.R.466

Social Security Death Master File Privacy Act of 2013

Introduced on 2/4/2013 by Representative Michael E. Capuano (MA-7)

Social Security Death Master File Privacy Act of 2013 - Amends title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) (OASDI) of the Social Security Act to

prohibit the Commissioner of Social Security from publishing in the Death Master File (or any other public database containing information relating to the death of individuals) the Social Security account number of any deceased individual.

Prohibits the Commissioner from being compelled to disclose the Social Security account number of any deceased individual to any member of the public under the Freedom of Information Act.

Authorizes the Commissioner to share with federal and state agencies certain information relating to deceased individuals.

On 2/14/2013, referred to the House Subcommittee on Social Security.

H.R.861

To better protect, serve, and advance the rights of victims of elder abuse and exploitation by establishing a program to encourage States and other qualified entities to create jobs designed to hold offenders accountable, enhance the capacity of the justice system to investigate, pursue, and prosecute elder abuse cases, identify existing resources to leverage to the extent possible, and assure data collection, research, and evaluation to promote the efficacy and efficiency of the activities described in this Act.

Introduced on 2/27/2013 by Representative Peter T. King (NY-2)

On 2/27/2013, referred to the House committee on the Judiciary.
(Text of the legislation pending)

NOTE: If you want information specific to a bill, go to the **Thomas** website (<http://thomas.loc.gov/>) and enter the bill number or title under *Search Bill Summary & Status*.

Another resource:

Congress.gov United States Legislative Information:
<http://beta.congress.gov/>

Share your opinions with members of Congress!

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your congressional representatives by visiting:
<http://www.house.gov/> for the **House** or <http://www.senate.gov/> for the **Senate**.

Links to the membership lists are provided below.

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

You can contact the White House at this [link](#).

A compilation of contact information is provided at:
<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>.

OTHER NEWS

Administration for Community Living

ACL News & Info, Monday, February 25, 2013

Recent Reports

[*Food Insecurity among Households with Working-Age Adults with Disabilities*](#)

Source: U.S. department of Agriculture

Date: January 2013

[*The Single Streamlined Application Under the Affordable Care Act: Key Elements of the Proposed Application and Current Medicaid and CHIP Applications*](#)

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation

Date: February 2013

[*The Revolving Door: A Report on U.S. Hospital Readmissions \(An Analysis of Medicare Data by the Dartmouth Atlas Project\)*](#)

Source: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Date: February 2013

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day is April 27th

The U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration Office of Diversion Control has posted information at this [site](#).

NCOA [list](#) of Key Congressional Committees

National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease

The latest information is posted at this [link](#). (Be sure to scroll up to the top of the page.)

From the **Departments of the Treasury and Housing & Urban Development: [Making Home Affordable](#).Gov.**

From the **Sloan Center on Aging & Work at Boston College**

Flexibility at Work: Employee Perceptions – Quick Insights report is provided [here](#).

INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

WHAT: Senior Resources Conference & Expo

WHEN: March 15, 2013, Liberty Traditional School, 3300 N. Lake Valley Rd., Prescott Valley, AZ

For more information, see this [link](#).

WHAT: Arizona Stand Down

WHEN: March 8 – 10, 2013, Veteran's Memorial Coliseum/State Fairgrounds

For more information, go to: <http://www.arizonastanddown.org/>

ALSO:

AHCCCS is holding community forums to provide more information on the Medicaid Coverage Plan and gather input. More information is provided on their webpage linked [here](#).

Just in case you're interested

Back issues of the ***Legislative Updates*** are linked on the Council website at: <http://www.azgovernor.gov/qaca/LegUpdates.asp>.

If you would like to submit an **educational** or **public service event** for consideration, be sure to send an email with the description to: gaca@az.gov. Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates.

Have a good weekend!

~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging